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PROPOSED ROOMING HOUSING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE TIGHTER REGULATIONS FOR MINI-DORMS

San Diego, CA: A Rooming House Ordinance, to address the issue of single family homes being converted into mini-dorms, was presented at a hearing today before the San Diego City Council. The ordinance defines a rooming house as a home where three or more bedrooms are rented separately. This business model for rentals would no longer be allowed in single residential zones but instead would be restricted to multiple residential zones, and some commercial areas.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre emphasized that the real way to address the commercial misuse of single residential homes is to construct more affordable housing for the rooming house market, which is made-up of mostly of college students.

The City Attorney is currently re-drafting the ordinance to include a phase out provision for existing rooming houses, and to make other minor changes. The Planning Commission is expected to review the ordinance on September 6, 2007.

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